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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: BARRY HUBBARD et al. )  
TITLE: ORTHOPAEDIC IMPLANT )  
WITH PROXIMAL COLLAR )  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003, be extended for two months until October 21, 2003. Submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), (2) is the fee of \$210 as required. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

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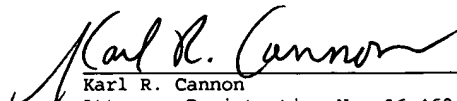
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